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Merle and Nina Clarke of Tory Hill hit the Jackpot

Merle Clarke's been playing the lotteries for years, without a whole lot of success: in fact, wife Nina was known to be more than a little cynical about his chances: "I really didn't think he'd ever win", said Nina. But this past Sunday Merle bought a simple Money Multiplier for \$5 at the Haliburton IGA, scratched away, and lo and behold! One Hundred Thousand True Blue Canadian Dollars!

"Was it ever a great feeling," said Merle, a retired manufacturing engineer. "I couldn't wait to let Nina know that we'd finally done it – and then of course she didn't believe me." On Monday the Clarkes, who retired to Tory Hill 11 years ago from Windsor, trekked down to Toronto to collect their money. "It took four hours of interviews, pictures, and waiting around," said Nina. "They're so afraid of fraud; they even interviewed us separately for a half-hour each, to see if we told the same stories, and then interviewed us again together for another half-hour. They asked over and over if we had any relatives in the lottery business, selling tickets, or if we'd ever worked for a lottery seller. Then they had to take pictures, and get every detail they could about us."

Once the cheque was issued Merle carefully folded it up in his wallet and came home to Tory Hill. On Tuesday morning at 10:00 am they showed up at the Wilberforce Scotiabank where the Voice joined them for some pictures. Customer Service Supervisor Brenda Berning was taken totally by surprise, but recovered in time to give the Clarkes a big hug and sling the cheque in their account. "This is the biggest winner by far we've had at this branch," she said.

Merle and Nina are using the money sensibly to get rid of their mortgage and some debts. And how did their children react? "We haven't told them yet," said Merle. "Between us we have nine children and 19 grandchildren, so I'm going to be sure to spend it all before we let them know!"



Bancroft Uranium Inc. Is Coming To Town

An Exclusive Interview With The Front Man Of Bancroft Uranium

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

In an exclusive interview with the County Voice, Les Hammond, Bancroft Uranium's President and Chief Executive Officer, claimed that "I'm an environmentalist, not a scientist of geologist." He spoke of his 'environmental awakening' while scuba diving in Howe Sound in BC, where he found that the ocean was devoid of fish and devastated by the effluents and discharges from the mills and mining operations in the area.

Bancroft Uranium launched a preliminary exploration program last summer in Highlands East. Last week the company announced that they will be holding a public information session on Friday, February 15th at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce. An open house at 6:00 p.m. will be followed by a corporate presentation at 7:00. The company will also outline the next phase of the project scheduled to get underway in late February. The public are welcome to come out, get an update and raise any questions or concerns they have.

The Bancroft Uranium Inc's promotional material describes them as an emerging mining company "focused on the exploration and development of previously identified, historically significant, but underdeveloped known uranium properties." They also state their dedication to minimizing environmental impacts and bringing social and long lasting economic benefits to both their shareholders, to local communities and First Nations.

It's interesting to note that Hammond's business origins are in chartered accounting, financial management and consulting. He has, however, been involved in numerous mining projects over the years including mining bauxite (a base ore used in the production of aluminum) in Africa and gold mining in British Columbia as well as oil and gas exploration and development in Guatemala. Hammond says that while he didn't know much about uranium, he was asked to take on the Bancroft Uranium project given his strong background in public and

"We can't
sneeze
without 2 or
3 agencies
looking at us!"

capital markets.

He also spoke of his experience in Beijing about 8 years ago where the air pollution was so bad that you couldn't see across the street. In fact Hammond was at one time very involved with Greenpeace and spent a number of years working on feasibility studies for bio-diesel production as well as wind turbine power generation. He says it became clear to him during that time that wind turbines and solar panels just won't cut it. He believes they provide very minimal contributions to the reduction of global warming and greenhouse gas emissions, particularly given the use of fossil fuels in the overall manufacturing and development process for these sources of energy. Hammond's position is that notwithstanding future development of other sources, nuclear powered electrical generation is the most efficient and clean source of power

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available. Hammond says his mind set when asked to take on this project was that "we need to do something about greenhouse gas emissions today and the only viable source of energy is through nuclear power generation."

Hammond says that mining technology has improved dramatically over the years and developers are much more cognizant of environmental issues, particularly when faced with Canada's stringent environmental rules, which are some of the toughest in the world. Most of the mines in western Canada operate on a zero tolerance basis, a policy that will be adopted by the company.

Bancroft Uranium recently announced that they have contracted Greenspirit Strategies Ltd. to act as their Public Relations firm and be the liaison to the public and media on any inquiries regarding the Monmouth Uranium Project in Haliburton County. Greenspirit was touted in the company's press release as having worked with leading organizations in forestry, biotechnology, agriculture, mining, biodiversity, energy and climate change. With Greenspirit, says Hammond, comes the expertise of Dr. Patrick Moore, one of the co-founders of and past President of Greenpeace. Dr. Moore has been appointed to Bancroft Uranium's Advisory Board. Hammond voiced his concern that there was a lot of commentary being tossed about and concerns being raised about their project which he felt were primarily due to a general lack of information. For this reason, Hammond contacted Dr. Moore to "give him the truth of the science," adding that given Moore's Ph.D. in mining, he couldn't have picked a better man to advise a group responsible for both uranium and mining.

The next phase of work will be to complete as many as 15 or more test holes in the Monmouth Deposit just south of Tory Hill in order to assess the overall economic viability of further development. To assist the company with that process they have contracted EarthTech, a group of environmental consultants out of Kitchener. This company

will be conducting base line water studies in the area and will provide the expertise of an aquatic specialist to Bancroft Uranium throughout the public consultation process and throughout the project. Continual testing will be conducted on all water sources to ensure sound environmental practices are being followed and are working. Hammond reiterated his company's strong commitment to protect

the environment and their zero tolerance policy with respect to any potential for environmental damage. He said that their drilling

methods didn't allow for their equipment to go deep enough to enter any aquifer, adding that uranium is held within a layer of rock called a skarn, normally well above any existing aquifer.

Hammond again spoke of the rigorous government permitting and approval processes that his company must follow. He said that in the 1940's there were literally no regulations but now they have some of the strongest environmental regulations in the world, adding that "we can't sneeze without two or three agencies looking at their operation". Hammond also confirmed that in today's world before his company could get even close to a permit that allows production they must file a detailed closure plan and prove the financial security of the company to execute that plan.

Hammond spoke about the benefits to the area if his company's project is approved including an increased municipal tax base, contributions to the development of community capital needs such as libraries and recreational facilities, local employment, construction and revenue for local business in food, fuel, lodging and other business over what could be a 10 year period of time.



And On The Flip Side....

On the flip side of the corporate position presented by Hammond, there exists deeply rooted and growing concern about the impact of renewed uranium development in Eastern Ontario. Numerous coalitions against uranium mining have sprung up all over the Ottawa Valley over the last year and upcoming public hearings are to be held in April in Sharbot Lake, Kingston, Peterborough and Ottawa. An article in The Activist Magazine refers to a growing "Renaissance" in nuclear power and supports locals in Haliburton in their fight against the 'green propaganda' of the nuclear industry in Ontario.

The Community Coalition Against Mining Uranium (CCAMU) in the Greater Ottawa Valley and Kingston area have the support of nine municipalities in their region, an MPP, an MP, Amnesty International, The Council of Canadians, Greenpeace Canada, Mining Watch Canada, The Green Party of Canada and Ontario, the United Church of Canada and many other local organizations in the region. This is a solid indication of an increasing outcry against uranium mining, and a serious warning to local politicians that opposition will be well organized.

Here in Haliburton County we already have an activist group called FUME (Fight Uranium Mining and Exploration). FUME is comprised of a group of residents in the Highlands East area who are concerned about the detrimental effects that uranium mining and exploration will have on residents' health, the environment and their homes. Many of the members are directly impacted by the staking activity that has gone on in the area and they want to make the public aware of the risks of having private property staked due to the lack of subsurface rights. FUME's website describes them as a group of activists "dedicated to the defense of our environment and the preservation of the beauty of the Haliburton Highlands." Their aim is to change the mining act and investigate the possibility of raising a class action lawsuit against the government for putting the health and welfare of its citizens in jeopardy.

Robin Simpson, one of FUME's founding members, stated that their overall goal was "to protect the health of area residents, water quality and property values." According to Simpson, "there is no technology that will protect the Irondele River from being polluted should Bancroft Uranium be allowed to proceed." FUME has their own plans to monitor water quality in their wells for additional uranium content. Simpson says that one of the group's fears is that most area drilled wells are at a depth of between 85' and 185' and old studies of the site indicate that the largest deposit of uranium is near the surface, raising the possibility of uranium leaching down into their wells. Simpson says that with the Monmouth Project pending, his land is not worth a plug nickel, and despite comments being made that his property value will increase given any development, he claims real estate deals in the area are failing to close due to the proposed exploration. He adds that FUME wants to halt mining in Haliburton and, using every legal means possible, they won't stop their activities until they meet with success. Many of FUME's members will be at Bancroft Uranium's public meeting on the 15th. For more information about their organization, Simpson urges the public to check out their website at www.fighturanium.com.

Clarification

In our first edition article about the Haliburton County Council rethinking their position on library closures, we stated that Councillor Suzanne Partridge, who was making a presentation on behalf of the Highlands East Municipal Council, had "some numbers of her own" indicating that the residents in Highlands East borrow more than twice as many books as the folks in Minden Hills and over 40 percent more than those borrowed from the Haliburton Library. These numbers were actually researched and developed by Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie, and were a key element of the Municipality's stated position and arguments being made to retain the four existing libraries in Highlands East.



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On Feb. 15, 1965, jazz singer and pianist Nat King Cole dies of lung cancer at age 46. In 1991, his daughter, singer Natalie Cole, released the album "Unforgettable With Love." Electronic recording and mixing technology allowed her to record duets with her father, using his old tracks.

On Feb. 16, 1959, Fidel Castro is sworn in as prime minister of Cuba after leading a guerrilla campaign that forced right-wing dictator Fulgencio Batista into exile. Castro replaced Miro Cardona as head of the country's new provisional government.

On Feb. 17, 1801, after one tie vote in the Electoral College and 35 indecisive ballot votes in the House of Representatives, Vice President Thomas Jefferson is elected the third president of the United States. The confusing election exposed major problems in the presidential electoral process.

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On Feb. 18, 1885, Mark Twain publishes his famous -- and famously controversial -- novel "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." Twain (the pen name of Samuel Clemens) first introduced Huck Finn as the best friend of Tom Sawyer, hero of his novel "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" (1876).

On Feb. 19, 1914, Pittsburgh movie theaters are required to establish a seating section for unaccompanied women. Some women attending movies alone had complained of harassment.

On Feb. 20, 1725, a posse of New Hampshire volunteers comes across a band of encamped Native-Americans and takes 10 "scalps" in the first significant appropriation of this Native American practice. The posse received a bounty of 100 pounds per scalp from the Colonial authorities in Boston.

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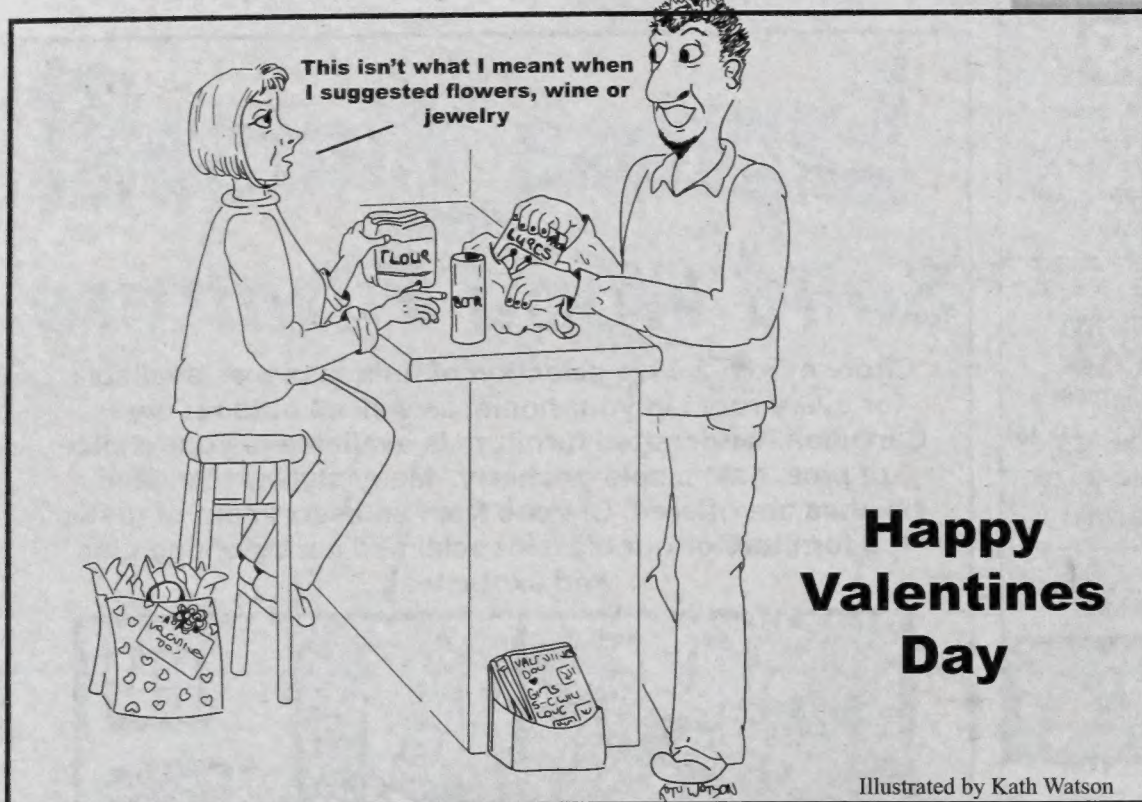
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Illustrated by Kath Watson

Dorset Showed Sympathy As A Result Of Car Accident

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on your successful launch and good luck moving ahead with more issues. Keep up the good work.

Regarding the front page article "Dorset Man Sentenced for Sexual Assault" -- (Vol 1 Issue 2) -- the "campaign of intimidation" referred to in court was a spontaneous outpouring of sympathy for the Clayton family as a result of a car accident Mr. Clayton had in early June, in

which he was very seriously injured. He was airlifted from the accident site to hospital in Toronto. His injuries were life threatening and he was on life support systems for several days. The community of Dorset showed its concern for one of its respected and much liked citizens with ribbons and other public expressions of kinship and support, for his recovery and well being.

The hospital surgeon treating Mr. Clayton was so impressed with the impact Dorset's show of support had on his patient's recovery that he made a special trip to Dorset to meet and thank the people of the community.

It is regrettable that the precise reason for the public expression of support for the Clayton family was not made clear in court.

Yours Truly,
Hugh C. Reynolds
Dorset ON

Dear Editor:

Just a quick e-mail to congratulate everyone on a job well done. We have enjoyed the Communicator from its first edition, especially the articles on business and business owners. We were anticipating the launch of "The County Voice" and we were certainly not disappointed.

Love the articles -- the diversity --- photos by Lyn Winans (an amazing talent!!) ---and the easy to read classifieds.

Bravo to everyone on staff --- you're off to a great start!!

Cheers,
Ken and Marg Fielding

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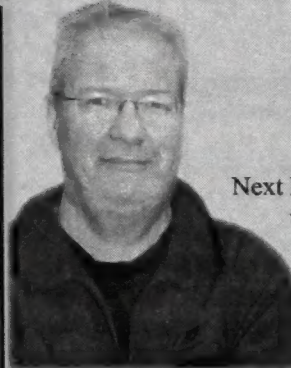
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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick
Family Day



Next Monday, February 18th, Haliburton schools will be closed, along with most large day care centres, due to the Family Day statutory holiday promised by Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty during last fall's election campaign. Unfortunately, a significant proportion of Haliburton's work force, many of whom are of course parents, will still have

to show up for work. Complicating the situation for families is the fact that on this Friday, the 15th, the County's teachers have a Board holiday, giving students an unprecedented four-day weekend -- and this just two weeks after a three-day holiday due to snow days and one teacher Professional Development (PD) Day.

The Board holiday was put in place many months ago in order to balance school days and holiday days over the entire school year -- a legitimate exercise: the co-incidence of Mr. McGuinty's legislative largesse arriving on the same weekend couldn't have been predicted. Neither could anyone have predicted that two snow days would arrive right next to a PD Day. But add it all up, and the stress on many families has been and will be considerable. This is in part because tourism, seasonal residents, and the Hospitality Industry are the mainstays of our local economy, and a

mid-winter holiday represents a much-needed extra infusion of cash. Resorts report excellent weekend bookings -- not unusual for the weekend nearest Valentine's Day -- but this year those bookings have been extended by a full night and day. Most of those who work at the resorts, in retail, or in recreation have no choice but to work on Family Day.

Complicating all of the above is the government's decision to allow employers to opt out of the holiday if they already give their employees an equivalent number of holidays as floater days over the course of the year. The Globe and Mail reports that 90 percent of 3000 businesses surveyed give their employees more holidays than strictly required already. Most, however, will opt to grant the holiday anyway.

The new holiday will naturally be welcomed by those who work for the various levels of government and large institutions, the banks, the LCBO and Beer Store (although Dysart Council has given permission this week for some outlet stores to remain open) the OPP clerical staff, the Post Office and so on. And many of us have already become accustomed over the years to working Canada Day, Labour Day, and even Christmas and Boxing Day: it simply comes with the territory. But you'd think that Queen's Park would have figured out by now that when you make a change of this magnitude you'd better consult your constituents to ensure a smooth transition. Most small businesses in Haliburton will be on the hook for the extra pay: the Municipalities will have to deal with overtime issues if there's a heavy snowfall; and many families will be scrambling to find day care, yet again, for their children.

Perhaps areas largely dependent on tourism and seasonal visitors should have their own Family Day holiday -- in mid November, for example, or in early May. The November one could be called Family Deer Hunting Day, for example, thus legitimizing a Haliburton tradition at least a century old. Now how do you think that would go down in the marble halls of Queen's Park? The May alternative could be called Family Forest Day, celebrating one last chance to play in the woods before the bugs, and our other seasonal friends, arrive. What a challenge for the bureaucrats! Not one, but three new holidays to ponder, worry over, regulate, legislate, and finally proclaim! And we'll all be guaranteed at least one day when we can play with the kids, forget work, and simply have a Haliburton version of family fun.

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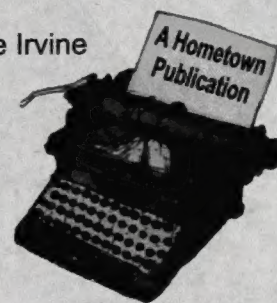
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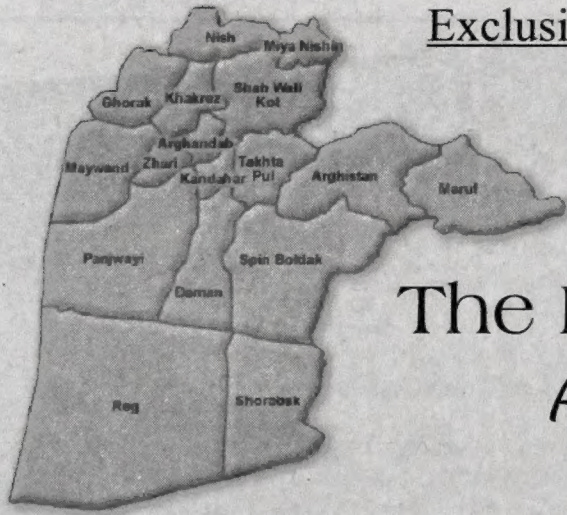
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Exclusive to the County Voice - Part 3

"May is coming quickly and we still have a lot of steps to take before we get on that plane!"

The Road to Kandahar *A Soldier's Journal*

by Captain David Beatty

Many people who read these articles must be wondering, "why does the Army need so much time to train before they deploy? Don't soldiers just pick up their equipment and head off?" Well fortunately this is not the case. The Canadian Military has learned its lessons well and has implemented Theatre Mission Specific Training (TMST). This is not optional – it is mandated training that every soldier, sailor or airman who deploys into an operational theatre must complete – regardless of rank or appointment.

The requirement for TMST stems directly from the Report of the Somalia Commission of Inquiry which stated:

"In preparing its forces for peace support missions, the Canadian Forces relied almost exclusively on general purpose combat training, supplemented by mission-specific training during the pre-deployment phase. This traditional approach to training was not adequate to provide military personnel with either a full range of skills or the appropriate orientation necessary to meet the diverse and complex challenges presented in post-Cold War peace support missions. There was a failure to incorporate the required generic peacekeeping training, both in the individual training system and in the regular operational training schedule."

With this in mind the last few weeks have seen elements of the Task Force undergoing TMST. The aim of the TMST is to prepare soldiers for deployment into a specific area of operations. It is based upon a series of mandated lectures which are in turn based upon lessons learned in theatre. As such the training an individual may have received in 2006 may differ greatly from that which they receive in 2008. In many cases the information being presented is based upon the 'reality' of Afghanistan and the lessons learned in theatre, many of which have been paid for with the blood of our fellow soldiers. For two weeks we underwent a series of stands and lectures which focused solely on operations in Afghanistan.

Our first stand was Combat Related First Aid. This was two days of extensive training on the use of tourniquets, QUICKCLOT and self first aid. Those teaching the course were all combat medics who had served in Afghanistan and clearly knew what they were talking about. The most fun on this course had to be the applying a tourniquet to your leg and then crawling across a field. This was to demonstrate that you need to be prepared to conduct self first aid and then to move to a safe location. Just to make it even more challenging, everyone who was right handed, seemed



to get wounded on their right arm. Just try to put on a bandage with your left hand!

Afghanistan is one of the heaviest mined countries in the world. In spite of eight years of intensive mine clearance, in 2006 only approximately 240 square kilometres of mined area had been cleared. Landmines kill or maim an estimated ten to twelve people each day in Afghanistan. As a result we underwent a two day extensive training period on mines and Counter Improvised Explosive Device training (C-IED), which was conducted by some of the most professional soldiers I have had the privilege to serve with. All of them are Afghanistan veterans, some having served on two or three tours to date. Their level of experience was clearly evident through their professional approach and personal stories they related.

Attempting to understand the Afghanistan people is yet another challenge we must face. To assist us, a day was spent undergoing lectures on Afghanistan history, culture, government and learning some simple phrases. Having a Degree in Political Science and History, I thought this would be a breeze but after a day of lectures on the country, it is clear

that one could write a Masters paper on this topic and only scratch the surface.

Briefings from Legal Officers (Rules of Engagement and Detainee Handling), Medical personnel (Combat Stress), and a series of lectures on war fighting in Afghanistan wrapped up the remainder of the training. One of the highlights had to be the Searching and Detaining of Personnel – as it is not everyday that I can tie up and search a Lieutenant Colonel.

As we completed our TMST training, the reality of the upcoming deployment was clearly visible on almost everyone's face – May is coming quickly and we still have a lot of steps to take before we get on that plane!



The Kandahar Series

Welcome to the third instalment of Captain David Beatty's series on the week-by-week preparations he and his fellow soldiers will undergo before they ship out to Afghanistan in three months time.

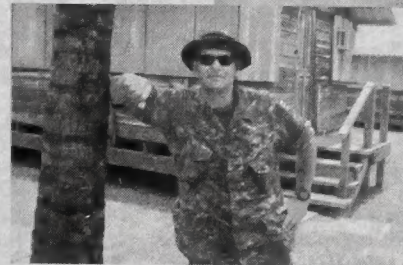
This week Captain Beatty describes the Forces' requirements for what's called

Theatre Mission Specific Training, or TMST.

Captain Beatty is the son of Bill and Anne Beatty of Drag Lake, Haliburton and is a member of the royal Canadian Regiment. He's served with The Canadian Airborne Regiment and the Canadian Parachute Centre. He's

also a graduate of the United States Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School and has completed tours of duty in Germany and two operational deployments in Bosnia.

We hope our readers learn a little more about the life Canadian soldiers lead, both here and overseas. As always, we welcome your comments.



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Police Reports

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Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment were called this morning to investigate a break and enter that occurred at St. Pails Anglican church in Minden. The break in occurred sometime between February 9th and February 12th.

The person(s) responsible stole an unknown quantity of cash. Officers from the Haliburton Highlands O.P.P. Detachment are asking that anyone with information on this incident call the O.P.P. Communications Centre at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Male Charged With Impaired

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged a driver after receiving a report of a vehicle in the ditch on Hwy#118 west of the Bobcaygeon Road yesterday morning shortly after 7:00am.

Officers responding to the scene arrested a male party who was taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Charged with Impaired Driving and Driver Over 80mgs is Mark McPhail 38 years of Hamilton. Mr. McPhail will be appearing in Minden court on April 2, 2008 in relation to the charges.





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Dear Editor:

Love The County Voice, read it from front to back. Thank you.

I am new to the area and am enjoying it immensely. Have always wanted to settle up amongst the tall pines and here I am. I lived for 27 yrs. in Hornby, On., a little town snuggled in the green belt surrounded by encroaching cities.

I surely did have a problem with bashing of the mailboxes also. It is distressing and one does feel violated. Young folk would joy ride, usually with the cover of night, and see how many mailboxes they could destroy with a baseball bat. Almost seems like a right of passage. Ooooh, this was great fun, especially after a few beers. After all, it's only a mailbox. It was very difficult to catch the culprits. By the time you rose from your bed in the middle of the night, housecoat on, scampered outside, down the driveway, the villains were long gone in their speeding cars. The incidents were reported at first, but it soon became apparent that there was nothing one could do short of sitting by ones' mailbox all night long. And that was not an option.

After repairing and replacing my mailbox several times I purchased a steel post, the ones used for chain link fencing and installed it on the side of the mailbox. It was virtually un-noticeable and my oh my I knew that anyone striking the mailbox would never do it again. I only replaced one mailbox after that.

Sincerely
A.Sampson
Wilberforce.

Letter To The Editor Cont'd... Mailbox Vandalism Shared By Residents

Kids... Someday You Will Own A Home... With A Mail Box

Publishers note to the youth... This goes out to all the kids out there having "fun" wreaking mail boxes. Before you "whack" the next one - think to yourself guys and gals... "someday I'm going to own a house - maybe even this one... and these things cost a LOT of money."

Maybe it seems fun at the time but really, it's wearing thin in this area. Listen up and remember - every time you hit one - picture it being your I Pod or X-Box - that would hurt wouldn't it? Well... need we say more. Stay cool guys and gals - find something else to amuse yourselves and lets give the residents of this area a break. Paying taxes is penalty enough for owning a home - and maybe they can use the extra cash they save having to buy new mail boxes towards youth related projects in the area. Cut some slack and be cool.

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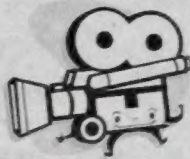
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Sunday

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Mini putt (for kids), -Frisbee Golf
Outdoor Skating, FREE! 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.



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 - Try Broomball* (15yrs & older) 2:30 pm
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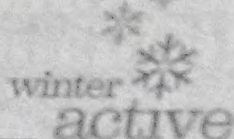
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One-On-One With Scotty Morrison

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor



Leaving a Legacy of Excellence

Perhaps it's a measure of this humble man, that when asked to name his most memorable achievement – and there are many to choose from – Scotty Morrison eschews any mention of his own illustrious career.

One would think that for most career hockey men, induction into the Hockey Hall of Fame, which Morrison entered in 1999 alongside Wayne Gretzky, might form the centerpiece on a tableau of unforgettable milestones.

Not so.

Morrison made his name as a fair, honest and equitable broker on the boisterous boilerplate of the NHL regular and post-season schedule, making lasting friends out of short-term foes in an arena known to spark ire in even the most imperturbable of gentle souls.

The elite referees in professional sport toil away in charitable obscurity, because, you see, the best a referee- and by extension the players, coaches and fans - can expect is

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a game without rant, ruckus or riot. It's a simple formula. Any game where the official goes largely unnoticed is a great game. The best refs are invisible, indomitable and imperturbable.

Like... hmmm... Scotty Morrison for instance.

For years, first as the youngest referee named to the elite corps of NHL officials (at 24) and then on to his many years as Referee-in-Chief and then VP of officiating, Scotty

before his death in 2005.

There is a memorable photo of D'Amico, blood flowing from a gash on the left side of his face near the eye, taken during a Montreal-Quebec game in 1987. A high stick had clipped him, but he continued to work while play went on. In the photograph, his eyes tell the simple story: Blood streaming from the gash... "I'm okay, what're you waitin' for? just drop the freakin' puck!" D'Amico was a gunslinger, a linesman who earned respect, in spite of his size. Teams were on best behavior when John David was on the crew.

It's obvious that Morrison still feels a deep and abiding respect for the guys who go out every night and put it on the line.

It's true what they say. When you go out on the ice in stripes, it doesn't take too long before you realize that your only friends are the guys working your crew.

No one comes to an NHL contest to see the refs.

They dwell best in the shadows. A fraternity hewn

from the substratum of young skaters who turned to officiating when, for whatever reason, dreams of last second up ice flurries during the waning seconds of a Cup final disappeared against the bedrock of sheer numbers.

And they bond.

On Saturday, February 16th Bill McCreary will be doing his 1500th NHL game in the ACC Center, donning the wide pinstripes for a Boston Toronto tilt. He's asked Ian "Scotty" Morrison and Ray "Scampy" Scampinello to be there for a post-game celebration. McCreary holds the record for Stanley Cup game appearances and began his career back in 1984. The anniversary won't make a splash on the sports pages. A few close friends and allies. With guys who seldom get asked for autographs.

However, Scotty did say that McCreary will be the target of an honorific from a special friend. John McDermott, iconic Canadian-Scots tenor, will be singing the anthem prior to the game on Saturday. For years McDermott would warm his vocal chords in the official's dressing room before Leafs games. He made a few friends along the way.

In honor of his old friend McCreary, McDermott will sing the National Anthem alongside Scotty Morrison and Scampy Scampinello. McDermott will be wearing an NHL ref's jersey emblazoned with the names McDermott, Morrison and Scampinello.

After the anthem, all three will present the jersey to McCreary in a rinkside ceremony.

Morrison says that it's all on the down low and nothing has been leaked to the press as yet. (Except to the County Voice) He received the call from McDermott a few days ago.

It will present as anomaly. The ref at center stage.

But knowing McCreary and his penchant for excellence.

Five seconds into the contest, he'll disappear into the broad pastiche of the game.

Knowing that if no one remembers him after the tilt. If he can vanish into the end-to-end dervish.

He's done his job. Period.

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Morrison flew largely under the radar.

So it's not surprising that Scotty doesn't point to any of his own successes when asked about his fondest memories.

Instead he points down the line. His greatest legacy? The rank and file.

"I would like to think that I made it possible for some guys to come into this league and succeed," says Morrison, pointing to a procession of guys that he recruited during his watch as Referee-in-Chief from 1965 to 1986. (In 1981 he was named Vice President of Officiating.)

It was at a time when expansion was taking hold in more ways than one.

The focus on speed and finesse was being replaced by a move to Broad Street. Teams were beefing up, the moniker "enforcer" cranked into sports columns, and there were rumblings from the upper echelon suits in the NHL that officiating crews should probably lock in step with the movement to big.

There was even, says Scotty, a time when he was told, in no uncertain terms, to quit hiring "midgets."

Morrison raised himself to his full five-foot-seven, faced down the suits and quelled that tide.

"I like to think that I played a role in resisting that trend," says Morrison.

Today he says that guys he recruited also formed a bulwark against the idea that "bigger is better" and they went on to have illustrious careers of their own. Guys like, Bill McCreary and Dan Marouelli.

"I guess the most rewarding thing in my career has been watching the guys I brought into the league succeed," says Morrison.

And for effect, Scotty stops and reflects briefly on John D'Amico, a little guy with the heart of a lion.

"I think D'Amico proved that you didn't have to be big to control a game," smiles Morrison. D'Amico is a fellow Hall of Famer, inducted in 1993, and was a fighter to the end, battling leukemia and bone cancer and then speaking out against anomalies in the Canadian Health Care system

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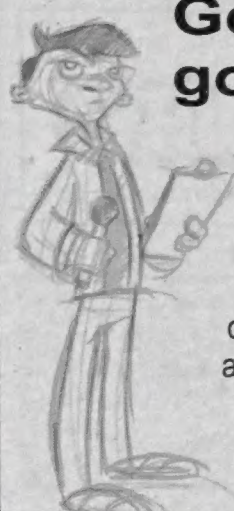
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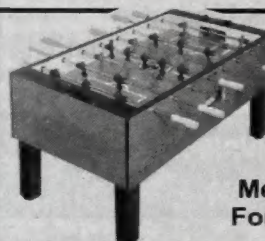
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Aaron Keaney

Last weekend the Lindsay Muskies Junior A squad played a regular season game at the Minden Arena, defeating the Quinte West Pack by a score of 1 - 0. The game was played in Minden due to the CUPE strike in the City of Kawartha Lakes. Almost 300 fans turned out for a chance to see the Muskies, one of the better Junior A squads in the province. There was a lot of local interest as well because the Muskies have Minden natives Aaron Keaney and Mitch Vasey on the team, although Keaney was down with injury. The pair started their minor hockey careers in Haliburton County before the consolidation of the Minden Monarchs, Haliburton Huskies and Wilberforce Flyers into what we now know as the Highland Storm. For old time's sake, here are a couple of pics of Keaney and Vasey as little guys playing for the Monarchs and the Huskies, respectively, in the 1990's, and as the big boys they've become.

Pat And Phyllis Gallen Memorial Lake Trout Ice Fishing Derby

Ben Carnochan
Photojournalist

This year marks the 14th anniversary of the Pat and Phyllis Gallen Memorial Lake Trout Ice Fishing Derby, organized by the Wilberforce Legion Branch 624. Pat Gallen was one of the founding members of the Wilberforce Branch and his

wife Phyllis

was also a member of the Legion's Ladies Auxiliary. This is the second year that all five Wilberforce area lakes, Farquhar, Wilbermere, Miskwabi, Esson, and Grace have been in the derby.

This years Ice Fishing Derby had a great turn out with 150 keen entrants raring to go, despite the cold and snowy weather. The winners this year were: 1st place Dennis Ott of Hyland Grove who received \$600.00: his fish weighed in at 2.275 kilos (5 lbs). It should also be mentioned that Dennis is donating his prize winning fish (and the others he caught that day) to Bob and Lisa Kim of Harcourt who's house burnt down last week (see story in this issue). Dennis caught his fish on hook and chub minnow from Miskwabi Lake and took him six hours to get his first hit. The second place winner was Don Newman who received \$400.00: his fish weighed in at 1.570 kilos (3.5 lbs). The two 3rd place winners, Ashlee Tripp and Doug Musclow, each received \$100.00 for their fish which both weighed in at 1.425 kilos (3.14 lbs).



Highland Storm Playdowns Update

Last weekend saw the Highland Storm Rep teams win some and lose some - in six exciting series. Firstly, the Novice team took the Orono Leafs to a sixth and deciding game before succumbing in a real nail biter by a score of 3 - 2. The Pee wee A's and the Bantams also bowed out, both losing in three straight to the Cambellford Colts. All three teams will now start their League playoff schedules.

Meanwhile, the Atom AE's dropped a weekend game to the Wasaga Beach Stars and are now down by 2 - 1 in their series. The Atom A's also lost to the Stars in the first game of their series. Both Atom teams resume play this weekend: the AE schedule is yet to be announced; the A team plays both games at Wasaga Beach.

The Storm Midget team went into last weekend down two games to none to the North Frontenac Flyers. They'd lost both games by just one goal at their opponent's rink - both games that Coach Greg Carpenter thought they could have won. But the boys didn't let themselves get down: on Friday night at home they won in overtime 4 - 3 to keep the series alive, and then on Saturday, again at home, won convincingly 6 - 1. On Sunday in North Frontenac they sealed a great come-from-behind series win by beating their hosts 4 - 1. Their next opponent in the quarterfinal series is Schomberg, with dates to be announced.

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Fire Strikes Again ... This Time In Harcourt

An intense fire last Thursday night destroyed the Harcourt family home of Bob and Lisa Kim, owners of the South Algonquin General Store. The 50-year-old home was situated behind a propane filling centre and gas pumps belonging to the Kim's store; fire fighters fought hard, and successfully, to contain the fire, limiting it to the Kim's house. The couple discovered the fire after returning from Toronto to pick up their son at the airport.

The house has been home to many Harcourt families, and was in fact the boyhood home of Voice and Communicator Publisher Brett Irvine and his brother Chad. Their parents, Chuck and Betty Irvine, also operated a well-known hunting, restaurant and gas bar business where the General Store is now. "It was sure a shock to see the pictures of the house going up in flames," said Brett. "We had some great times there - when I was a kid I pumped gas - we all helped run the business."

The Kim's have made a great success of their store and are very popular in the community, which has rallied around them in their time of need.

Childhood Home Of Voice Publisher Burns

Photos submitted by our "scoop" citizen reporter Joe Burroughs



New Women's Group Gets Underway In Wilberforce

Feeling tired? Bored? Are your kids getting you down? Would you like to get started on some regular health and fitness activities or have a chance to talk a bit about women's issues and priorities?

If you're living in Cardiff, Harcourt, Highland Grove or Wilberforce, or anywhere in between, there's a movement afoot to give women a bit of a new lease on life. That's according to Laurie Bowker, who along with Barb Davies, is the driving force behind the group. Bowker says she wants to see the women in her area have an opportunity to take a break from their busy home life or work world, get fit, and share some time with other women of similar interests. The word got around and a number of women met for an informational session on January 5th. While no formal organization has been set up and the group hasn't named themselves yet, they have ironed out the direction they want to take and are looking for like minded women to join in and enjoy what they have to offer. Bowker, a working mom with two small kids, says it can be very hard for women in rural areas to be able to take the time out needed to travel to Bancroft or Haliburton to enjoy programs that are available there. And it's even tougher for women with small children. She would like to offer these women an alternative.

The group already has approval from the Highlands East Council for the use of the Lloyd Watson Community Centre. The plan is to meet every Tuesday night, the first hour with a focus on fitness and the second hour on general health and wellness. Bowker says that the group is hoping to have regular instructors and presentations by specialists in a number of fields including diet and nutrition. She hopes in the future to have representatives from their Health Unit in to talk about women's priorities. The group is being organized 'just for women' who are looking for a chance to get out for a night, have some fun, discuss women's issues and get fit.

A small monthly fee of \$25.00 is being suggested for the core group, but there will also be a drop in fee of \$5.00 for those who can't commit on a regular basis, but would like to come out on special nights. The fees are needed to help to cover the costs of the instructors.

Bowker's enthusiasm for project is obvious when she speaks about being able to offer women in the area a chance for regular social gatherings that will be enhanced by balanced activities and discussions on fitness, physical well being and all general health and wellness topics. Plans are already under way to have instruction in both yoga and strength training and the group will continue to look for speakers who will meet their health and wellness focus. Bowker says scheduling instructors can be a challenge but the group hopes to hold a special workshop or invite in an instructor at least once a month to keep their members motivated.

If this sounds like something you'd like to get involved in either as a member of the group or as a presenter or instructor, give Laurie Bowker (705-448-9443) or Barb Davies (705-448-1977) a call for more information and to find out just what the group is all about.

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Highland Cup Preparations Nearing Completion

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Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor

Highland Cup organizer Harold Foyster is busy with last-minute details, but he says that everything is on target for the First Annual Highland Cup slated for Head Lake March 1 and 2.

He added that local plow jockey Larry Hewitt has been busy of late ensuring that the 3/8-mile ice track is ripped, racked and ready for the first race Saturday morning.

The Highland Cup marks the second to last stop on the highly competitive 2008 Eastern Pro Tour Schedule and

specifically for the vintage class machines.

The Antique and Classic Snowmobile Club of Canada (ACSCC) was started on a wing and a prayer. Or so they say on their website.

"The truth is that when four out of the 20 or so Canadian members of the Antique Snowmobile Club of America (ASCOA) sat down at the Baldwin Inn in Windermere, Ontario, in October of 1982, we had absolutely no idea what we were going to do," states Ron Jewiss, in a brief history of the club.

"The club has grown and matured to a point where it has become a must-see at snowmobile shows, and an authority on snowmobiling history. ACSCC has made significant contributions to the preservation of the history of the sport of snowmobiling."

According to Foyster, the ACSCC is a guaranteed draw wherever it sets up shop.

"A lot of people, especially in this area are really interested in the vintage machines," says Foyster.

He adds that the vintage machines will be taking demo laps and the ACSCC will have a full display available on the grounds at Head Lake during both

event days. Part of the pro tour hinges on its Vintage Racing class as well.

On Friday afternoon (March 1) Foyster says that interested spectators can gain free entry for practice runups and hot laps. A food concession will be set up at the Rail's End Gallery on Friday as well.

Races start at 10 am on both Saturday and Sunday. Racing wraps up by 5pm on both days.

Adults can purchase a two-day pass for \$30 or pay \$20 for a single day ticket. Tickets are \$5 for children 12 and under.

For more info please visit www.highlandcup.com.



Foyster says that everything is set for a charged event.

"Weather permitting we're expecting 2,500 to 3000 spectators to be here," says Foyster. Foyster explained that spectators will be able to take advantage of the natural contours surrounding the track to gain full vantage of all of the racing.

He added that no spectators will be allowed on the actual surface of Head Lake during the event.

Foyster is also expecting a full slate of the very best riders on the Eastern Pro Tour circuit.

"All of the current leaders on the tour are going to be here," adds Foyster.

People looking at the track and wondering just how fast these guys will be moving can wince just a bit.

"These guys will be hitting speeds of over 90 miles per hour," says Foster. And yes

folks that's on glare ice, just the way their machines like it. Foyster says that the powerful machines are fixed with special treads and skis to allow them to hold the ice at such high speeds.

He added that former Eastern pro circuit champ Howard Gifford will be on hand with his racing team. Howard no longer drives, but he is now a Team Owner with New Champ 440 chassis and new driver Jeff DeJong.

Also making an appearance will be Yamaha Brothers Racing teammates Erik Frigon and Stephen Gorham. Interestingly, Both Frigon and Gorham are law enforcement officers in the state of Maine.

Jason Smith will also be on hand representing Smith/Samson Racing. He'll be driving his Champ sled.

Foyster says that while the big machines draw most of the notice, a large number of spectators come

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Red Hawk Hockey

- Tuesday, Feb 19: Boys Hockey @ Holy Cross Secondary School Game Time is 3 pm in Peterborough

Wrestling

- Wednesday Feb 20: COSSA Meet IE Weldon in Lindsay - All Day

Snowboarding

- Fri, Feb 15: Snow Boarding - Kawartha Meet Sir Sams Ski Area - All Day

Nordic Skiing

- Feb 20 - COSSA Nordic Skiing at HHSS Glebe Park - Haliburton - All Day

Girls Volleyball

- Tuesday, Feb 19: Senior Girls Volleyball Kawartha at Clarke
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Another Great Run For Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Trust

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 Lyn Winans



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The 9th Annual Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Snow Run took off from the Pinestone Resort this past weekend for its second successful run in Haliburton County. Fifty enthusiastic women jumped on their machines for a run to the Martin Wood Resort in Harcourt to raise money for the Kelly Shires Trust Fund set up to honour Ms. Shires, who lost her battle with breast cancer in October of 2004. The Kelly Shires Trust is unique in that it raises money specifically to financially assist women diagnosed with breast cancer and to create greater awareness of the disease: it concentrates on the living, on those who are fighting cancer day-to-day.

In order to participate each rider must have pledges totalling a minimum of \$1500. This year Co-founder Suzy Stenoff-Cayley estimates the pledges will total almost \$250,000. The women observed a very moving minute of silence at the beginning of the run to honour those who've succumbed to the disease. Stenoff-Cayley then started the group off on the trails accompanied by their rousing theme song, "Man, I Feel Like a Woman", by Shania Twain. After their run to Harcourt and back the women enjoyed a for closing ceremonies, dinner, awards and auctions. "We'd like particularly to thank the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association for making sure the trails were groomed perfectly for the ride."

The run's organizers are looking forward to next year's 10th anniversary. For information on the event, or to apply for help from the trust, call 1 877 436-6467.

Red Hawks Douse Flames 9-0

High School Hawks Chasing First Round Bye

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor

Outsized, outmanned and outgunned.
Outcome? You guessed it.
Out for the count.

Campbellford District High School Flames brought a lot of heart, but only nine young skaters, and the jury convened early as Haliburton High Red Hawks overpowered the Flames in a 9-0 rout at Dysart Arena last Monday night.

The Red Hawks scored early and then often as goalie Ian Sachs notched two and a half periods of shutout hockey to push the Hawks record to 7-2-2 on the season.

Alex Monk-Cray was able to take a turn in the crease in the late slogging with the Hawks up by 6 goals.

Left-winger Derek Harper scored what turned out to be the game winner at 7:54 of the first frame.

The Hawks led 2-0 after one, 4-0 after two and the floodgates opened for good in the third with five goals of every variety in the final frame of the tilt. The Hawks scored on the power play, while shorthanded and at even strength.

Campbellford starting goalie Dan Savery was chased from the crease in favor of backup Jake Locke after the fourth Red Hawk goal.

Steve Miscio led the Red Hawk parade with three goals and 1 assist. Both Josh Townsend and Andi Donaldson matched Miscio's four-point barrage. Townsend on a goal and three assists and Donaldson by dint of his four helpers.

Jesse Tallman added two goals and Tyler Watson notched two goals and an assist in the lopsided contest.

Co-coach Ron Yake was happy with his team's output Monday night.

"I saw some good things out there," said Yake. He added that the Flames have a very young team and pointed to their diminished ranks as a cause of the third period sag.

"They didn't have many skaters out there and they are a young team," said Yake.

He added that he was happy that his charges stayed up

for the entire contest.

"We stayed in the game, and that's good," he added. "There's sometimes a tendency to play at a lower level in a game like this, but we didn't do that tonight."

He added that many of his skaters played in a Highland Storm series over the weekend and that might have played a role in the Red Hawks free swinging style.

Ten Red Hawk players do double duty with the Storm. They ignored bad weather and postponed contests to rally



back from a 0-2 deficit in their best of five midget playoff series. Over the weekend the Storm blustered back to take the series on three resounding wins.

Yake allowed that the players may be feeding off of that momentum.

A scheduled game against IE Weldon was postponed last Thursday because of weather and Yake is uncertain about the rescheduling of that game.

The Hawks traveled to Cobourg West on Tuesday afternoon for a Double A tilt against CWSS.

The game of the year however is still upcoming.

"Holy Cross will definitely be the big test for us this year and it will be our last game of the season as well," said Yake. Holy Cross currently tops the AA standings.

That tilt is slated for next Tuesday, Feb 19 at 3 pm in Peterborough.

Dependant upon the outcome of that game, the Hawks may or may not be hosting a playoff game on Thursday or Friday next week.

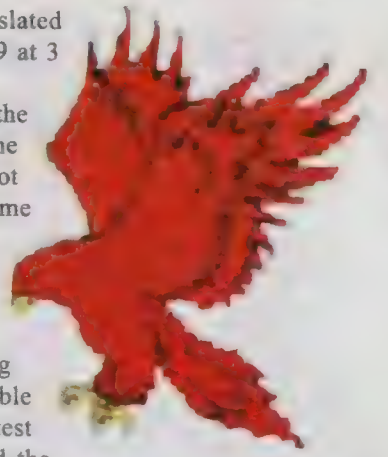
The final game of the season could in effect be a 6-point swing (3 points per win in Double A match-ups) contest between Holy Cross and the Red Hawks. The winner will likely finish in first place earning a bye in the quarter-final, sudden-death round of playdowns.

In that equation, 2 plays 7, 3 plays 6 and 5 plays 4. Winners then move into a semi-final match-up with the first place team entering the fray at that point.

"If we end up in second or third place we will be hosting a playoff next week," said Yake.

The 7-2-2 record gives the Red Hawks 21 points on the season and they are assured of hosting a quarter final.

"Holy Cross will be the big one for us this year," said Yake.



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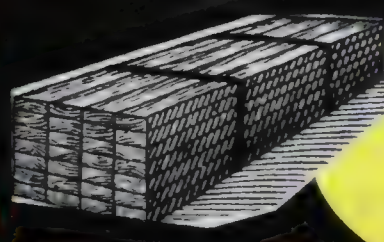
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Dysart Council Report

Dysart et al Council: February 11th

Roads and Fires

Several ratepayers have sent requests to Council in the past for snow plowing on private lanes, which have been refused. One of the complainants recently took their request directly to Council in the hopes of a different response, but as the circumstances remain the same, Council concurred with the Roads Superintendent that they could not provide this service.

Fire Chief Miles Maughan reported that there were 26 emergency responses during January including two structural fires, 5 incidents of hydro line arcing, 13 medical assists, and one chimney fire. Several options were presented for the purchase of a new truck at an estimated cost of \$190,000. Then, after considerable discussion about the difficulty of controlling and relocating geese, Council also approved a Falconry Service Agreement with Hawkeye.

Environment

As reported in the Voice last week, many citizens are still confused about what can go where in Municipal landfill sites. Council responded with a brief discussion about trying to come up with consistent posters for the landfill sites and flyers that guide residents on recycling methods and what will be accepted at each site. Different communities and landfill sites have different methods of handling recycling, or accept different materials and Council wanted to ensure they kept the flow of information simple and to the point. The County also has their own guidelines and is asking Municipalities to use them. However, Council decided to go ahead with the preparation of a simple list that details what can and cannot be accepted.

Money Business

Hilary Elia of Cottage Dreams, the Ontario-wide charity that began in Haliburton in 2003 and which sponsors cottage visits for individuals and their families recovering from cancer, requested a donation of \$5,000 from Council to sponsor 10 visits in the Haliburton area. Reeve Murray Fearrey advised Elia that the Council does not normally fund this type of initiative. He did, however, request the organization's financial statements and Council agreed to give the request consideration when deliberating all of their grant requests during the budget process.

Council made a special point of congratulating Community Care -- Haliburton County on their annual report. Last year Dysart approved multi-year funding for the organization and Reeve Fearrey said how important it was to be kept up to date on how Municipal funds were being spent.

In response to a letter advising Council of an increase in the rates for the use of the Dysart Mobile, Reeve Fearrey suggested talking with Laidlaw Transit to determine whether the bus could be used for non emergency transfers. The DYMO Committee provided an updated rate schedule which Council approved.

No change will be required in the rate schedule for the non emergency transfers as Council decided they could be included in the long term care facilities rate.

Requests for two LCBO Agency store openings in Eagle

Lake and Camarvon on next Monday's Family Day were approved.

A number of requests for the use of Head Lake park during the summer were received and approved including Chico Racing's mountain bike event in September, the Echo's Midnight Madness Event in August and the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre Fundraising Committee's Annual Trash & Treasure Event in June.

The Haliburton Highland Games Committee made a request to Council for assistance given the financial losses incurred last year and Council approved \$500 as well as ongoing assistance in kind. Approval was also given to donate one hour of ice time to the OPP for their fun hockey game with the Grade 8 students at JD Hodgson School. Council also approved a donation of \$1,000 to assist with the After School Program in Wilberforce.

Council approved a one time grant for the Highland Cup snowmobile races. Council has already approved seed funding to help get this new event under way. Reeve Fearrey said that this is a special event, and pointed out that the organizers have agreed to return the funds to the Municipality if the weekend is financially successful. Subject to receipt of their financial statements, Council approved a grant of \$2,000.

Planning

During the Planning session one severance proposal was deferred until various conditions are met. At the suggestion of Surveyor Paul Wilson regarding his client's Weatherhead land proposal on Drag Lake scheduled to come before Council on March 3rd for a decision, Council decided that they would like to take part in a site inspection to assist them in their deliberations. Wilson's client proposes to acquire the shoreline road allowance and some existing improvements on the property

may have to be removed. Council pointed out however that a number of infractions have been noted previously and have not been dealt with. Council decided to defer further discussion to allow a site inspection in April when the property can be viewed properly. A public planning meeting will be held on March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. to cover a number of issues.

One item that was deferred at their last meeting was a request by Joanna Uhlmann for relief on her property appraisal and a reduction in taxes for her cottage property on Charlie George Lake. Uhlmann's cottage is actually sitting on an original road allowance and not on her actual cottage lot, and, as previously stated, this negates her ability to improve the property or sell it. She is being required to pay taxes on land that does not appear to be included in her lease title. A decision was deferred pending investigation. A review of the file and discussions with the original surveyor indicated that the conditions on the property were noted in 1999 on a severance application. It came to light that Uhlmann had been apprised of the situation when the deed was reregistered at that time. Council determined that the argument should be taken up with Harcourt Park and asked staff to forward a letter to Uhlmann stating that no action would be taken by Council.

Council passed a resolution to ask Municipal staff to explore Dysart's rights under the terms of an agreement with Developer John Williams of Kawagama Lake. Reeve Fearrey later told the Voice that Council was concerned about a subdivision agreement entered into in the past with John Williams for this development: part of the terms of the agreement called for Williams to transfer the deed for a right-of-way for use by snowmobiles. Despite the lots being developed and the subdivision being complete the transfer of the right of way has not taken place.

Once again, Council continued with their review of the draft budget presented by staff. Further discussions were held with Roads Superintendent Brian Nicholson. Council discussed in more detail upgrades needed to the roads garage. A number of improvements are required and rather than looking at them individually, Nicholson proposed looking at the project as a whole, thus developing a long term plan that would be more cost effective in the long run. Nicholson confirmed that his department makes every effort to put the majority of their resources into the roads rather than into municipal infrastructure. However, roof repairs, lighting, ventilation as well as insulation and cladding will be necessary over the next several years. The Burnt River Bridge will be completed this year, and an engineering study completed for works required on the Pine Lake Bridge. The engineering study will put the municipality in a position of readiness should additional COMRIF funding become available. Given the substantial increase initially proposed for capital construction projects, Nicholson presented a Plan B of sorts which proposes a more balanced approach than that discussed last week, trying to work within the confines of the 2007 year end total over the next four years and achieving as much as possible of the work identified in their roads needs study. A number of ideas were explored on how to achieve this goal, but Council agreed with the approach that Nicholson was suggesting. A brief review was done of both the Fire Department and Building Department's budgets. However, these are both to be brought back for further discussion on March 3rd. Council then reviewed the administration budget in more detail. Tax revenues will increase by \$105,000 dollars due to the growth experienced over the past year. Several items of note included the need for a new server that will accommodate the County's GIS system as well as a number of computer replacements given expired warranties. An expense of \$10,000 will be placed in reserves each year to ensure the cost of the election in 2010 is not a huge burden during one fiscal year.

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Adam Lodzinski - The Music Of Light

Reviewed by

Laurie Jones

In the military, brilliant generals are said to possess "coup d'oeil", which, loosely translated from the French, means "the smack of the eye", or the ability to immediately see and make sense of the battlefield. Napoleon had coup d'oeil. So did Patton. And so does Adam Lodzinski.

Lodzinski, a photographer, makes beautiful sense of what he sees through the eye of the camera. Perfectly executed, sensuous, poetic, Lodzinski's abstract photographs draw you into an intensely visual way of experiencing light and form. "These images feel life affirming" said one gallery visitor and just how refreshing is that for the middle of winter in Haliburton? The exhibition, titled *The Music of Light*, will be at Haliburton's Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre until March 22.

Walking around the Gallery the viewer can feel the rhythmic pulse of this 10-year body of work that started in the mid 1990s. Back then Lodzinski was starting to wonder if he was really cut out to be a photographer after all. Things were all looking pretty much the same through the camera – "I was stale", he says. And so he started to create his own subject matter using paper and light. Lodzinski describes his creative process at the time as being possessed and to hear this passionate artist speak it's easy to imagine him battling with his cameras on the quest for beauty in light. Lucky for us, somewhere along the way he discovered the alchemy he needed and was able to repeat his results with accuracy. The resulting creations took a lot of hard work and a good eye and are worth making time to see.

For this reviewer the high notes in the *Music of Light* are Lodzinski's monochromatic whites. Barely there, these stark black and whites are saturated with nuanced shadows that seem to breathe quietly on the wall. Each one reveals just enough to show what magic happens when light meets form. Monochrome Abstraction #50 is barely there, an invitation to linger in that old familiar rectangle shape and enjoy a scandalous glimpse at a couple of unfolding petals of light. Monochrome Abstraction #33, a large image of landscape proportions reminds one of a mystic mountain lake. How will the viewer ever be able to ruffle a ream of copier paper again without recalling the eloquent layers this remarkable photograph captures?

And I haven't even started to describe Lodzinski's Colour Abstractions, which you really do need to see up close to appreciate. Grandma's cranberry glass candy dish filled with red jello might get close to the clarity (or maybe claret-y?) he achieves in Colour Abstraction #26. You'll find it juxtaposed against a much larger work, Abstraction #55, tucked in the far corner of the Gallery. In #55, showing off his virtuosity with the medium, the artist treats us to a fistful of lavender light hurrying its way through a man-sized bottleneck of living greens.



Lodzinski likens the process he goes through to create his multi-layered images to a symphony where he is both the conductor and the orchestra. In reality what the artist does is photograph paper from different angles and super-impose shots one on top of the other. Before you ask, yes, he does use Photoshop nowadays, but back in the last century the artist began his quest using traditional large format SLR cameras. Lodzinski laughs when describing his early trips to the neighbourhood film processor to pick up new work. He imagined the technicians snickering behind closed doors at his folly. What was this crazy guy doing taking pictures of nothing? What Lodzinski was actually doing was "posing" strips of paper using large bulldog paper clips on a wooden stand and illuminating them with studio or natural lighting. Through his camera lens Lodzinski was able to selectively see and make sense of what he saw and capture it on film. What he saw was the beauty of light.

Bending paper and electric lights are hardly what one might expect to be behind the curtain but that's how Lodzinski does it. Gallery goers can learn more on Saturday February 23 between 2 and 4 pm and make their own Polaroid pictures inspired by Lodzinski's work with Gallery Volunteer Joe Smith.

The Gallery's March Break program is offering 3 mornings of Photography for ages 7-11 as well as Drum making in the afternoons. To learn more please call the Gallery at 457-2330. The *Music of Light* continues until March 22. Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre is open Wednesday to Friday between 11 am and 5 pm and Saturdays noon – 4 pm.

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Scotty Morrison Brings Uplifting Message To West Guilford

Every once in a while,
an epiphany....

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor

Now, for the Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT) Group, an epiphany probably effervesces a more familiar connotation than the revelation espoused by their special guest speaker last Thursday.

Ian "Scotty" Morrison, former NHL Vice President and Referee-in-Chief, was on hand for the LIFT Group's special men's night held last Thursday at the West Guilford Community Center.

And the epiphany?

For Scotty Morrison, the "special apparition of the Magi", came in the form of an otherwise unassuming hockey player by the name of Jean Beliveau. No long flowing robes, but a very imposing presence nonetheless.

According to Morrison, Beliveau propelled him into a Hall of Fame hockey career by dint of his total disdain for Scotty's defensive prowess and abilities.

During the late 1940s, Morrison and Beliveau were playing junior hockey in Quebec. Morrison was playing with the Palestre Nationale and Beliveau with the Citadelles.

"We were playing in the semi-finals and my coach came up with the brilliant suggestion that I would shadow Beliveau," Morrison recalled last Thursday, in the course of his brief talk to the packed house.

"He said to me, 'When Beliveau goes on the ice you go on the ice and when he comes off you come off'," chuckled Morrison. "The coach told me that we had to keep Beliveau off the score sheet."

Understand that the 5-foot-seven Morrison was a great skater, but so too was the 6-foot-three Beliveau, who went on to occupy his own niche in the Hockey Hall of Fame, inducted into the Hall in 1972 after 20 stellar seasons with the Montreal Canadiens.

"Beliveau got three goals and two assists that night and it was just after that game that I decided that if I was going to stay in hockey, it wasn't going to be as a player," chuckled Morrison.

It was shortly after that simple and striking event – read epiphany – when Morrison began to consider seriously a career in officiating.

He said that he used to umpire semi-pro baseball in the off-season and that one of his fellow umps was a guy by the name of Toe Blake. Blake coached the Canadiens for 13 years, winning eight Stanley Cups – the most for any coach in the team's history and second in the NHL. Morrison credits Blake and Blake's predecessor Dick Irvin with kick-starting a long and very rewarding career in officiating.

Blake encouraged the young Scotty and later Dick Irvin had Morrison officiate during Habs' training camps and scrimmages in the early part of his career in officiating. His career started in earnest with the QAHA and then the Quebec Senior League. Shortly after that, he was recruited to the Western Hockey League in 1952, and just two years later he was called to Toronto and signed to an NHL contract by then referee-in-chief, Carl Voss.

Only 24, Morrison became the youngest referee ever to work in the NHL at that time.

Morrison later replaced Voss as Referee-in-Chief in 1965 and in 1981 he was named an Officer of the League and promoted to VP of Officiating. In 1986 NHL President John Ziegler named Scotty to the position of President, Project Development and President, Hockey Hall of Fame. In his new position, Scotty was responsible for finding a future site for the Hall and the development of a new Hockey Hall of Fame. Morrison served as Chairman and Chief Executive Office of the Hockey Hall of Fame until his retirement on July 31st, 1998.

He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in the Builder Category in 1999.

It's a dossier that Scotty likes to downplay and it's that self-effacing irreverence that makes him a popular target for women like LIFT's Ariel Campbell, who asked



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Ian "Scotty" Morrison Special Guest Of LIFT

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Scotty to appear at the meeting last Thursday night.

"My first reaction was... what do you want me to talk about. I was dubious when Ariel approached me. And then she explained that it was a men's night and that I was there for them," said Morrison, delighting the crowd with a selection of anecdotes and a short round of Q and A.

He recounted a time, just shortly after his marriage to long-time wife and dear companion Joan, when Pierre Pilote was playing with Buffalo in the AHL. Pilote, an All Star defenseman and Stanley Cup winner with the Black Hawks, skated by Morrison during a shift and said: "Hey Morrison, you're calling this like you're on your honeymoon."

That earned the astonished soon-to-be Black Hawk a surprising trip to the dressing room, an encounter that Scotty said he and Pilote later discussed.

"I told him that I took offence to the remarks that night... because... I was on my honeymoon," said Morrison.

It's a honeymoon that has endured. Scotty and Joan have eight children and 25 grandchildren and he told the meeting that they have always felt a special kinship with the Haliburton Highlands.

Morrison said that since 1965 he has been coming to the Highlands for the summer and part of that commitment came as a result of a tacit agreement with Joan that whenever the season ended, no matter where he was, he would be on the first flight out of town.

"We had an agreement," smiled Morrison. "I would be on that red-eye flight back home after the last game of the Stanley Cup Finals and I always was."

Morrison allowed that it didn't take long for those summer cottage romances to develop into a full-fledged love affair with Haliburton and its environs.

He said that old friends, camaraderie and community ties made it impossible to consider any other area when it came time to pick a place to retire.

"We have always loved it here," said Morrison. "We love the place and the people and it's a pleasure to be here with you all tonight." Indeed, Scotty and other members of the ad hoc "Kozy Boy's Club" often meet over coffee in the morning at the Kozy Korner on Highland Street. And that's a type of solace and country grace that you won't find in a Boca Raton Retirement Village.

Morrison added that Joan recently moved over to Extendicare here in Haliburton and has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

Joan and Scotty also had to endure tragedy back in 1982 when their second-oldest son Perry died on the Ocean Ranger oilrig when it capsized and sank off Newfoundland.

That event forms a poignant backdrop for Scotty and Joan, especially at this time of year. Valentines Day, February 14th, commemorates the 16th anniversary of

the Ocean Ranger disaster.

He told the audience last week that sometimes we have no control over choices that our children make.

"I don't know why he chose deep sea diving as a career, but we supported him through it and it's what he wanted to do," said Scotty in a short tête-à-tête after the meeting.

He allowed that acceptance is a key in any struggle with this sort of tragedy.

Talk shifts to Bob Gainey (GM of the Canadiens) who encountered similar angst in his life.

In December 2006, Gainey's 25 year-old daughter Laura went missing when she was swept overboard while sailing in the North Atlantic.

"Bob and I have had a lot of talks after he lost his daughter," said Morrison. "I told him once, that you let her do something she wanted to do, just as we didn't stand in Perry's way... these things happen and we have to come to accept them."

In a life jumpstarted by epiphany, it would appear that Ian "Scotty" Morrison still mines gemstones of illuminating discovery from life's subtle nuance.



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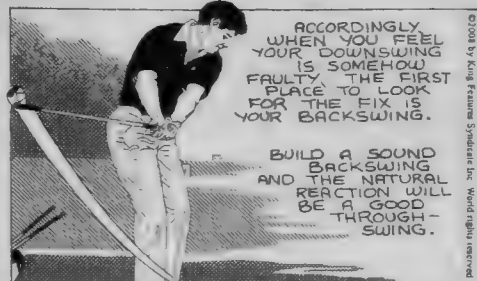
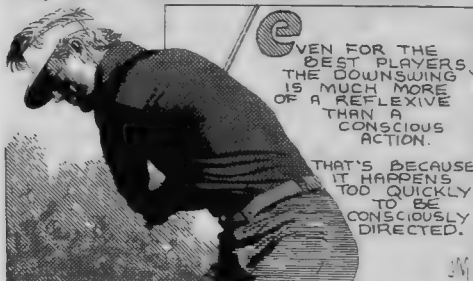
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Battle Of The Books Is On In Haliburton

The battle is on... battle of the books that is. Monday, February 11 the battle began at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School. This is a Trillium Lakelands District School Board event to promote the reading of quality literature. Here's how it works: the kids work in teams of four separated into divisions. Grades 4,5, and 6 make up the junior division and grades 7,8 the intermediate division. Students don't have to be in the same class or grade. The teams have to read all ten books between them. They don't each have to read ten books but between them they need to cover all ten. The teams have about two months to read these books until the book battles begin.

In the middle of April the real battles begin. Teams are given buzzers and are asked questions about the books they have read: their content, settings, characters, plots, etc. When a question is asked, both teams have the opportunity to buzz in. The first person to buzz in will be required to answer the question. If a team can only answer part of a question the other team may buzz in and answer the rest of the question. So far there are nine teams in the junior division and four teams in the intermediate division. The top teams from both junior and intermediate divisions get to compete in Huntsville for the right to represent the northern part of the Board. The top teams then go on to compete for the Board-wide championship.



Students who have entered into the Battle of the Books contest are shown left to right.

Back-row: Jessica Bishop, Brigitta Hicks, Jessica Duchene, Ali Hicks, Megan LaPierre, Emma Paul, Kirsty Cook, and Emerald Henderson.

Middle-row: Heather Zahn, Willow Hutchings, Sydney Feir, Cassie Varty, Mackenzie Sisson, Natasha Hall, Makenna Smith, Kelly Routcliffe.

Front-row: Cody Williams, Taylor Morrison, Julia McEathron, Devon Bangay, Jordan Miscio.

Highlands East Council

Deputy Reeve
Mackie: Safety Of
Staff At Risk

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie asked Council to discuss liability and safety concerns associated with staff members transporting substantial sums of money on a regular basis, between various points within the Municipality. Mackie voiced his concern about the safety of staff members, saying he did not want to subject them to the responsibility and danger of carrying large sums of money, adding that it did not reflect due diligence on the part of Council. He requested a resolution to stop the practice immediately. The municipality's insurance advisors recommend that while they are insured for losses, it is good practice for them to take measures to ensure the safety of all employees as well as the proper handling of all securities. Staff was directed to contact security firms to see if the Municipality could be included in any of their routes and Council passed a resolution that no staff would carry or transfer any sums of cash from any municipal facility.

Staff also provided information to Council that confirmed that local groups using municipal facilities for private functions should have their own liability insurance in place. This protects the Municipality from claims arising from third party functions not under the control of the Municipality, particularly where liquor is involved. Council acknowledged that there are many small community groups and organizations in the community that use facilities free of charge but which also offer free activities and functions to residents. They discussed how their use of the facilities could continue without the high cost of insurance. Council agreed that, even though all groups sign waivers and rental agreement forms regarding the use of facilities, long standing groups could be made Committees of Council by resolution which would bring them under the municipal insurance envelope. Organizations operating under these circumstances will be contacted and individual representatives will be asked to come in and discuss this option.

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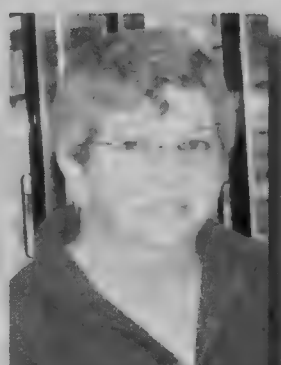
Have Your Say... VOX POP

We asked people about
how familiar they are
with their own town council, and how
they would rate them?



Perry Peacock

"I know that Murray Fearrey has done quite well. He's got a handle on what's going on and is up to speed on things. I'm not up on what they're all trying to do, but I think Murray keeps it going in the right direction."



Brenda Ellis

"I don't know much about it. I could name some councilors that I like. It doesn't seem like most of them want to bring in new businesses."



Peter Britton

"I know them somewhat. It's one of them things, you pay attention to but don't. I know there's some squabbling going on. Some bring out good points and some bring out bad ones."



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Planning

Highlands East reviewed an application by Ken and Nadeen Sanderson for an unopened road allowance between Cardiff and Dysart. It was apparent that Dysart had been approached with the request and their response had been they would proceed at the direction of Highlands East. CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig advised Council that the official County Plan did not allow road allowances to be closed. Sanderson was present and said closure of the road allowance would give him greater mobility and setbacks on his property. Several years ago he constructed a road on part of this road allowance to allow access by the adjacent property owners and this road now belongs to the Municipality, and cost them nothing. Sanderson mentioned he was accredited in Real Estate Law, and he was of the opinion that there was no such thing as a blanket law in democracy, and that each application must be dealt with on its own merit. Sanderson also stated that he felt Council would not be setting a precedent. Reeve Dave Burton advised Sanderson that the Council would discuss this and get back to him with their decision.

Solar and Wind Power

In response to a concern raised by the municipality's Chief Building Official (CBO), Council discussed how to deal with the increasing use of residents to use wind and solar power. The zoning by-law presently has a height restriction of 10 metres for a wind turbine and the CBO is looking for direction on whether applications need requests for minor variances or whether a zoning change is in order. Council discussed the need for setbacks in these cases, particularly on small waterfront lots, but agreed that further investigation was necessary. As a meeting is scheduled in March to discuss housekeeping changes to the zoning by-law, the Council agreed to consider the matter again at that time.

Fire

The Fire Department reported that it received a total of 22 calls for service in January. In particular 9 firefighters provided mutual aid to the Dysart Fire Department at the recent residential fire on Highway 118. Three new recruits were approved. Concerns were raised in the report about the inaccuracy of a number of 911 numbers between Loon Lake and Tory Hill that did not match the GPS system.

Deputy Reeve Mackie voiced his concern about the limited number of members actually licensed to drive the fire trucks. Final testing scheduled for January was cancelled due to bad weather and is now rescheduled for some time in March. Mackie provided Council with a very detailed set of specifications for the proposed purchase of fire trucks. A discussion followed about whether to tender the trucks now to get a more accurate estimate of costs or whether to wait until the following week's budget deliberations. Mackie voiced his concern that if tendering was not done soon the Municipality might not be able to get delivery of the trucks until next year. Council agreed to wait and make their decision next week.

Culture and Recreation

Councilor Suzanne Partridge suggested giving consideration to setting up a municipal Library Committee. Partridge said that even if the County Council rescinds their motion to close branches it would be beneficial to have a committee that would prioritize ongoing actions. Discussion ensued and the Council agreed to bring this item back for discussion in May. Mackie spoke about his disappointment in comments made about statistics that he had prepared regarding the number of residents using Highlands East libraries and how they might be interpreted. Mackie commented that the math was accurate and spoke for itself.

FUME

A number of Councilors confirmed that they were hearing concerns about proposals for future uranium mining in the area. Several members of FUME (Fight Uranium Mining & Exploration) were in attendance and spoke briefly about concerns related to open pit uranium mining. Staff advised Council of two upcoming meetings, one being a FUME meeting on Wednesday evening and the other Bancroft Uranium's open house, scheduled for Friday night at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre.

Will they eat it up, or chew on it and spit it out?

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter

Algonquin Highlands councilors consider whether to accept new business venture

Will a hot dog cart find itself perched upon the top of one of Dorset's most popular tourist attractions in the near future? According to Algonquin Highlands councilors who had to answer that question, not too many visitors to the site will become customers for the proposed sausage station any time soon.

The application by Avery Audio in Dorset would allow for the sale of hot dogs and other snacks at the Dorset Scenic Lookout Tower.

Municipal Clerk Angie Bird began by reminding Council that "Algonquin Highlands doesn't usually issue business licenses, which is where this would fall under."

The application stated that the cart would offer hot dogs, sausages, hamburgers and cold drinks, and would be maintained by a local student: a portion of the proceeds would be donated to the township. In discussions with Council's planner, Bird said she was told that because the property is rural, a business permit would not be issued.

Councilor Diane Griffin then mentioned an email she received from a woman concerned about the proposal.

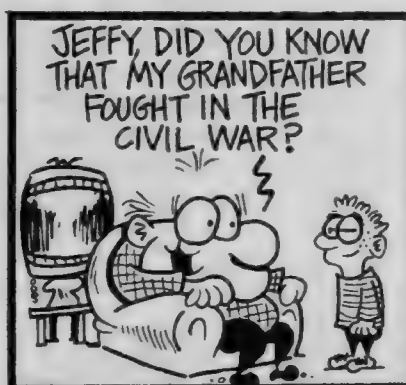
"She says, 'Please say no. Fundraising should be held in places like the rec centre, fire departments, places like that'. 'That's how she would ask us to consider it,' said Griffin. Griffin then said she had spoken with the manager of the site and was told that there wasn't a great opportunity present at the location for generating revenue. She was also told that special events, which draw big crowds, such as fundraisers and barbecues, are the only real profitable ventures.

"Without a formal policy or a licensing by-law regarding private enterprise going on public land this would be of great concern because it would be setting a precedent," said Chief Administrative Officer Lorne Mitchell. "How do we then stop them from going on any public lands?"

"Well I think we have enough here to do a refusal anyways if that's Council's wishes," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison. "We're not zoned properly and we don't have the right business licensing in place." Council then went on to decline the business proposal.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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To Vaccinate or not to vaccinate —
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Not all vaccines are made equal and not all vaccines need to be given annually. The 2006 American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) created a task force to re-examine and revise the vaccination guidelines for cats and dogs. The results are tabulated and published on the AAHA website (www.aahanet.org). An article in the OVMA (Ontario Veterinary Medical Association) on Vaccination Protocols by Brown and Peters (March/April 07) states that "Generally speaking, veterinarians do not believe in 2007, that all vaccinations need to be given every year." Trends today are to rotate vaccines but still do the annual comprehensive examination for preventative health (wellness including parasite control and blood screens) and early diseases intervention.

Vaccines are classified as core (universally recommended) and non-core (optional or not recommended) by AAHA. They recognize that vaccine decisions must be individual and will depend on where the animal resides, where the pet goes in a day (risk and lifestyle), how many other animals are in the household, the pet's age and vaccination history. When reducing the frequency of pet vaccinations, the studies must show that there is no increase in incidence of disease with adequately immunized animals.

The core vaccines in Dogs are Distemper (D), Adeno (A), Parvo (P), Parainfluenza (P), and Rabies (R). Recommendations are for full vaccination (DAPP) twice, as a pup (three times if starting vaccines under 12 wks) and then again when they turn one year old, and from then on a rotating basis. Non core vaccines, but recommended in areas where the incidence is high or the animal is at risk, include Leptospirosis, Lymes, and Bordetella.

So, what is the incidence of these three diseases in our area? Well, Boredetella is a dog vaccine for Kennel cough spread through the air. It is very prevalent. Those boarding regularly or showing dogs should do this vaccine annually. Those that board once a year should have the vaccine given 1-2 weeks before boarding for best protection.

Leptospirosis (Lepto) is found in raccoon and deer urine, and spread to dogs usually by drinking stagnant contaminated water. It is usually an autumn disease. It can be deadly and is difficult to diagnose. There are many, many strains of Lepto and they do not cross react so a vaccine with the most strains is preferable. The vaccine is best given in the fall. This vaccine is not recommended for toy breeds due to frequent, adverse reactions. Lepto is not to be given under 12 wks of age. But we should vaccinate where appropriate for Lepto in Haliburton County as the incidence of the disease is rising. Toronto and east of Ottawa have a higher

**"Cats can have major vaccine reactions
- in fact they can produce tumors"**

incidence. The vaccine should have the most serovars (strains) for the specific ones found in this area. It needs to be given twice, two weeks apart. The manufacturer of the vaccine recommends annual boosters but the AAHA task force does not recommend this after the initial two boosters unless the risk is high in your area. Haliburton is not considered a very high risk at this time but that could change next season. We need to monitor the number of cases diagnosed in our area annually.

Other recommended vaccines for dogs include Lyme's vaccine if the incidence is high in the area the dog frequents. Some clinics are testing for Lyme's disease as well as heartworm in the spring blood test and the incidence in this area will be better known when the results are tabulated. Once the incidence is known in our area, a decision on whether to vaccinate can be made.

Cats are special. Is there anything more we need say? They can have major vaccine reactions; in fact they can produce tumors (fibrosarcomas) at the site of the vaccine injection. Some think the "non adjuvanted" (vaccines without a carrier for the antigen) vaccines have a much lower incidence of vaccine induced tumors and many veterinarians are using these vaccines exclusively in cats. Annual re-vaccination for rabies is required at this point.

The core vaccines in cats other than rabies should be on a rotating basis as well. Leukemia vaccine is only recommended for cats at risk, specifically those interacting with other cats outside. Each vaccine has an injection site recommendation so that lumps at that site can be attributed to a specific vaccine.

Now, after saying that we need to reduce the number of vaccines we administer (go to rotating vaccination schedule), I must say that an annual health exam is very important. Each visit annually gives the veterinarian a chance to discuss health and behaviour issues and preventative health measures pet owners can take to keep their pet healthy.

Rabies clinics are put on annually in the fall (sometimes spring) in some locales where the rabies vaccine only is given. No examination of the animal is performed. A fee of \$15.00 to \$20.00 is paid for the injection. The fee for the rabies vaccine at a regular hospital is usually less than that but there is an examination fee as well. The examination of the pet to be sure he/she is healthy is just as important as the vaccine. The OVMA recommends that rabies clinics in Ontario be eliminated unless there is epidemiological evidence that they are required. Their reasoning includes the fact that if proper examination of the animals is not performed, the health of the pet could be endangered and the vaccine may not be effective. To be sure the pet is in good health, not pregnant, and truly in need of a vaccine, the veterinarian should do a full examination and review the history. Your pet is also put at risk of contracting contagious disease by standing in line with multiple pets. There are risks every time you vaccinate, so why vaccinate if not necessary just because there is a low cost clinic being held? There are other ways to help people that do not have the financial ability to have their pet vaccinated without risking the pet and vaccinating needlessly. Not vaccinating at all will put all animals at higher risk as the easily prevented diseases will reemerge. Prevention is easier than treatment.



Hearing Aids For The Third World

Gord Kidd, the always affable and enthusiastic owner of the Minden Hearing Service, is once again collecting older or damaged hearing aids for distribution to Third World countries by the Canadian International Hearing Services (CIHS). Since the introduction of digital hearing aids, many older devices have become available and Gord has been particularly energetic in urging clients and their families not to discard their old models. In fact, he says that many people may have hearing aids sitting around the house that could in fact be used again.

Over the past four years Gord has been able to collect 400 used devices at his offices in Minden and Haliburton. He's delighted that CIHS is able to salvage old hearing aid components and, with new casings, ships the refurbished devices to the needy in Indonesia, South Africa, and Columbia, to name just a few countries.

For its part CIHS says that Haliburton County's contributions have equalled that of many large practices in the big cities! This year Gord's already collected 200 hearing aids, and hopes to bring a total of 400 to his association's annual four day training symposium, to be held this year in Niagara Falls in April.

If you or your family have any old hearing aids available, please drop them off at the Minden Hearing Services offices at 41 Bobcaygeon Rd. in Minden or at Halco Plaza in Haliburton. For office hours phone 286-6001 in Minden, and 457-9171 in Haliburton, or toll free at 1 866 276-7120.

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Staff Reporter

would take over the West portion. It would more than double the Morrow's current frontage on their 59 foot-wide lot. However, the newly created parcel would not meet the minimum by-law size requirement of 0.86 acres. It would also fall short of the 200' frontage by-law requirement by approximately 65'. Therefore, re-zoning would be required for the severed portion.

Certain councilors held some reservations about creating a smaller size lot.

"I hate undersized lots," said Councilor Carol Moffatt. Councilor Tom Gardner also felt uneasy about the proposal because of how it would go against the by-law councilors worked to instate in the first place.

"We spent all that time... then when these come to the table we seem to forget that," said Gardner.

"I don't like to see this happen," said Councilor Diane Griffin. "We have to look at what has happened in the past. I shudder to think about what happened at Wren Lake. What will a development like that do?" asked Griffin.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison disagreed: "I sympathize with what is being said. You really aren't putting anymore pressure on Halls Lake than is already there. I look at it that you are making a bad situation better. The family is trying to move forward, so you've got to make it easier for them," she added. Finally Council agreed to allow the changes as described.

Members of Algonquin Highlands Council meticulously examined a road allowance closing and severance proposal concerning a property at Halls Lake in the Township of Stanhope.

Greg Bishop, a Land Use Consultant, appeared before Council representing the Toole family. Bishop began with the history of the properties and explained exactly what requests for changes his clients would like to see happen.

"They want to add on additional frontage and access," Bishop told councilors. The family, who has relatives living in the same area, plans to take three steps towards reaching their estate planning goals.

First, they seek closure of the original Shore Road allowance in front of the property. Since there are two cottages on the land, one that sits partially on the road allowance while the other is completely within the allowance. With the closure of the allowance, there wouldn't be any future discrepancies on title issues due to the cottages locations.

Secondly, they would like to move ownership of their lakefront East section over to their cousins, the Morrow family, while they



Dear Abby
by Abigail Van Buren

SINGLES CELEBRATE FRIENDSHIP AT ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DINNER

DEAR ABBY: Valentine's Day is once again upon us. As a single woman, I have recognized that even on this day one can feel completely left out of things. So, last year I started a new tradition with my single women friends.

On Valentine's Day we meet for dinner. We call it "Singles Appreciation Day." Last year we had a great time together, and this year should be even more fun.

Singlehood is not something to cry about. It's something to celebrate and enjoy, just as we would the state of marriage when we find the right person. People need to learn to appreciate the value of each phase of life as we enter it. For now, I am happily appreciating the stage of being single. -- SANDY IN NORTH HIGHLANDS, CALIF.

DEAR SANDY: I'm sure I'm not the only person who admires your positive and intelligent attitude about the journey we all make through life. Today, more and more people are choosing to remain single into their late 20s and 30s -- and Valentine's Day seems to have become less a holiday and more of a marketing campaign that makes the unattached feel adrift, alone and often depressed.

A wise person told me years ago that we are as happy as we make up our minds to be -- and I hope more singles will learn from your example.

DEAR ABBY: Last year on Valentine's Day I had many errands to run, so I started at my favorite coffee shop at 7 a.m.

At a table in front of me was an elderly couple who were already eating. I enjoy people-watching, and it was easy to observe them. The man was having trouble opening his little package of jelly. I almost went over to help him. Why didn't I? Because he was there with a lady. Sister, wife, friend? I couldn't see her left hand. If I had offered help, it might have embarrassed him. This was a buffet breakfast.

As I ate, I watched him make several slow trips for food. He put milk and sugar in her dry cereal. He cut her food and twice

wiped her mouth with her napkin. He put sugar and cream in her coffee and stirred it.

When they finally finished, he helped her from her chair, helped her with her coat, straightened out her folding walker, held her arm as they left and helped her into an older model car.

That vignette made my day. Were they sweethearts? I don't know, but there certainly was a lot of love there. Not a word was spoken, but I'm sure the message was received. We could use more of that kind of "conversation" every day, not just on Valentine's Day. -- S. FROM TENNESSEE

DEAR S. FROM TENNESSEE: The demonstration of love and commitment that you witnessed transcends any message that could be given verbally, or anything that could be written on a card. You saw a demonstration of the kind of commitment that is promised when people say to each other "in sickness and in health," but few people think through when they make that vow. Your letter touched my heart, and I thank you for sending it so I could share it with my readers on this day that celebrates love.

DEAR ABBY: My 94-year-old mother, who lives in a nursing home, has had so much fun making valentines for all her grandkids -- ages 17 to 46.

She sent a picture taken of herself in a bubble bath and wrote, "I hope your day is as happy as I am here in this picture. Proverbs 15:15, 'For the despondent every day brings troubles; for the happy heart, life is a continual feast!' Happy Valentine's Day!" I am so proud of her attitude. -- KATHY IN KENNEWICK, WASH.

DEAR KATHY: And well you should be. Your mother sets an example we should all be fortunate enough to follow.

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Top Left- 1st in Second Draw and Winner of Overall Points: Marilyn Rydberg, (Skip) Brigitte Bessie, Marg Risk, Ila Griffin and Shirley Howse presenting Trophy for overall points.
Top Right - Left to Right: 1st Place in First Draw: Heather Lindsay, Tammy Mackay, Mary Hambley, (Skip) Sandra Duchemin. **Second From Top Right**: 3rd in First Draw: (Skip) Doreen Degrave, Jane Jaycock, Helen Baker, Joan Willhelm. **Bottom Left** - 2nd Place in First Draw: (Skip) Irene Houtby, Pat Reynolds, Sylvia Bradshaw, Charlene Cooper. **Bottom Right** - 2nd in Second Draw: Lolitta Mitchell, Cindy Mitchell, Ariel Campbell, (Skip) Bev Martin

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Get A Line On Nutrition

New EatRight Phone Service Can Provide Local Residents With Healthy Eating Tips

When you need advice about healthy eating, pick up your phone and make the right call to a nutrition expert.

That's the advice of Registered Dietitians in Haliburton County, who are touting the new EatRight Ontario phone service as a telephone "tip-line" for nutrition.

"It's a tip-line in the sense that you can get healthy eating advice that is easy to use and conveniently available over the phone," says Rosie Kadwell, a Registered Dietitian with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

The Ontario government has established the EatRight Ontario telephone information service to put people in touch with Registered Dietitians.

The EatRight number is 1-877-510-510-2, and can be accessed Mondays to Fridays from 9 am to 5 pm.

The service is provided in more than 120 languages, including Mandarin, Korean, Polish, German, Italian and Arabic.

A companion web site at www.eatrightontario.ca is also available any time of day.

According to Kadwell, the EatRight phone line compliments the work being done by her and other local Registered Dietitians. The Health Unit provides nutrition resources and organizes events such as Label Reading Tours and healthy lifestyle classes. Kadwell notes that there are many other Registered Dietitians in the area who provide individual counseling and education through such organizations as the Access Centre, Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team and Diabetes Education Network.

"Good nutrition is essential for our overall health and well-being," she says. "The more ways we can spread the word about the importance of healthy eating, the better it is for everyone."

Registered Dietitians are experts in food and nutrition. They must complete a four-year university degree in nutrition, finish a dietetic internship and write a National Registration Exam in order to be a member of the College of Dietitians of Ontario.

How Will They Manage Our Final Resting Places?

Councilors Get Their Hands Dirty With Proposed Cemetery By-Law

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Councilors from Algonquin Highlands dug into a proposed by-law that would determine the do's and don'ts for regulating four of the cemeteries governed by the Township.

During the regular council meeting on Thursday, Feb. 7, a couple of key points were highlighted as to what gravesites can and can't consist of. Gravesites affected would include: St. Peter's Anglican Cemetery, St. Stephen's Anglican Cemetery, Zion United Carnarvon Cemetery and Maple Lake United Cemetery.

In Section 4.0, titled "Care of Lots," councilors began by focusing on the issue of flowerbeds.

"I thought we prohibited flower beds for grass cutting," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison.

"We don't prohibit them, but we don't encourage them," responded Clerk Angie Bird. In the current document of the proposed by-law, it states that flowerbeds not exceeding eight inches in width are permitted at the base of existing monuments. However, where there are no monuments, flowerbeds are prohibited.

The idea of having a cemetery board was then raised, but Harrison quickly put the suggestion to rest.

"I think it would be difficult to get the numbers out to make quorum," said Harrison. "It would defeat the whole purpose of having one (board)."

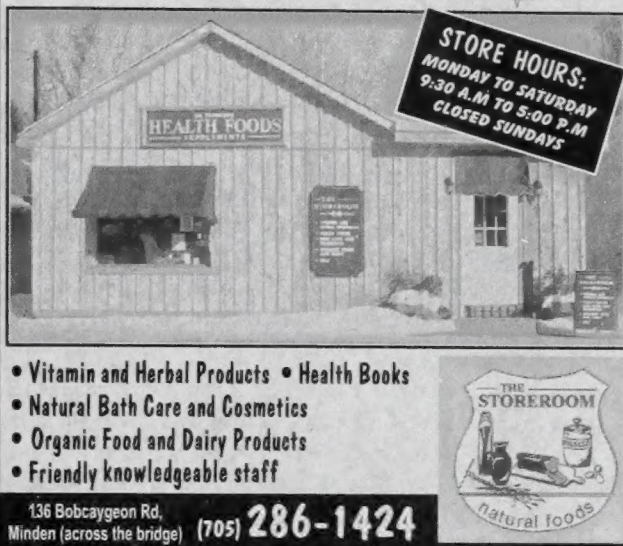
Councilors then went on to consider size-allowance for single person plots versus that for a family, or husband and wife for example. In the proposal, it states that no more than one monument may be erected on any one grave and that it must be placed in the space reserved for it.

"We've got to be flexible with situations that we fall into," said Councilor Diane Griffin. In the past, Griffin lost five family members and needed to figure out how to handle the situation as it related to their gravesites. In the current proposed by-law, it reads that monuments are suppose to be placed at the head of the grave, but with eight plots for the Griffin's, the request was made to have the monument placed in the middle, not head of the grave, with inscriptions located on the sides of the tombstones.

"It was a special request, which also created havoc," said Griffin in a phone interview. In these certain circumstances, Harrison noted that a family could then come to the board with their wishes that could be in exception to the by-law.

Harrison concluded that she was "reasonably satisfied" with the most of the document and that a couple of minor changes had to be made. As a result, the by-law was passed and the section on flowerbeds was removed.

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Sports QUIZ

1. When was the last time before 2003-07 that the Philadelphia Phillies had at least five consecutive winning seasons?
2. In 1960 and 1961, Roger Maris edged Yankees teammate Mickey Mantle in voting for the American League Most Valuable Player award. In which of the two years did Mantle get more first-place votes?

3. In 2006, Joseph Addai tied a Colts franchise record with four rushing touchdowns in a game. Name two of the three others to do it.
4. Since the NCAA began seeding teams in the NCAA men's basketball tournament in 1979, how many No. 3 seeds have won the title?
5. Entering 2008, how many consecutive seasons had the Ottawa Senators made the playoffs (not counting the 2004-05 NHL lockout)?
6. How many consecutive years has a Ford driver won NASCAR's Ford 400?
7. Roger Federer won the International Tennis Federation's world champion award for a fourth consecutive time in 2007. What other men's tennis player won it four consecutive times?

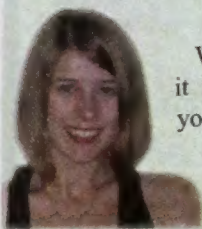
Answers

1. The Phillies had nine consecutive winning years, 1975-1983.
2. In 1960, Mantle got 10 first-place votes to Maris' eight. In 1961, Maris had seven first-place votes to Mantle's six.
3. Lenny Moore, Lydell Mitchell and Eric Dickerson.
4. Four (Indiana, 1981; Michigan, 1989; Syracuse, 2003; Florida, 2006).
5. Ten seasons.
6. Four years in a row (Greg Biffle, 2004-06; Matt Kenseth, 2007).
7. Pete Sampras won it six times in a row (1993-98).

Love The Green Way

Alison Laura Potter

County Voice



Well, it's Valentine's Day, and that means it is time to gather up a sweet token of your affection for that special someone. Unfortunately, those heart-felt bouquets of flowers, boxes of chocolates and steamy sentiments expressed through mass-produced greeting cards are not that good for the earth. And while I know it isn't Earth Day, I still can't help but think that we should all try to love one another without making our dear planet any worse for wear. It just takes a little creativity, and maybe a bit more effort—but whose love life hasn't benefited from that alone? Throw some good old-fashioned green love in the mix, and you can truly do no wrong this Valentine's Day.

Get your romantic evening off to the right start by turning out the lights and setting the mood with some beeswax candles. Not only will you be conserving electricity, you will be improving your indoor air quality. Beeswax is said to clean the air by releasing negative ions that stick to dust, making it fall to the floor. Mainstream paraffin wax candles are usually scented with synthetic, chemical fragrances that pollute the air. Beeswax candles burn cleaner and longer than their paraffin counterparts, and they have a natural, delicate scent. Besides, paraffin is a waste product of the petroleum industry, and is a cause of indoor air pollution itself, synthetic fragrances aside. Something that unappealing has no place in a special evening.

Next, charm your loved one with a fun potted plant that will last a lot longer than a bouquet of flowers. Needless to say, bouquets are really wasteful, considering many of the bouquets we buy here in Canada are made from flowers that are shipped 4,000 kilometres or more to get here, all for a display that will barely last more than a week. That's not even getting into the fact that cultivating flowers uses more pesticides than any other agricultural crop. While many potted plants have come in contact with pesticides too, at one time or another, they at least have a longer life span to make up for it. Houseplants are another great way to make your indoor air cleaner—you know, in case you decide to burn a heavily scented paraffin wax candle after all.

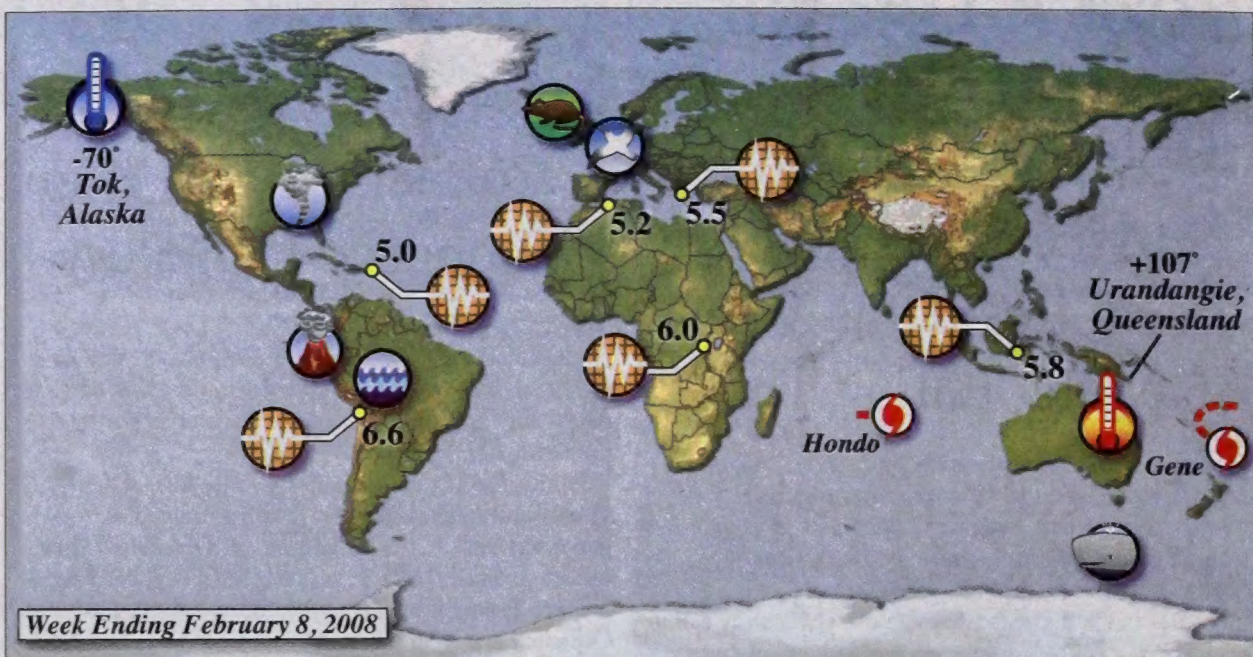
The next step in our romantic evening is to whip out our culinary skills and make a special treat, so that buying a box of chocolates isn't necessary. Seasonal goodies often come heavily packaged, and even if all the wrapping can be carefully separated and recycled, it is always better not to produce waste to begin with. Chocolate, of course, is another one of those products that come from thousands of kilometres away, and so consume a lot of dirty fossil fuels on the journey to our local shelves. The practice of growing and harvesting cocoa beans leaves a lot to be desired, too—the huge majority of cocoa crops are grown in clear-cut regions that used to be thriving rainforests, and are sprayed with extremely hazardous pesticides that contaminate groundwater and air. So, in an effort not to accidentally poison your sweetheart, tie your apron on and bake some cookies or cupcakes. If baking just isn't your thing, give organic fair trade chocolate a chance—it is grown using sustainable agricultural practices, doesn't use dangerous pesticides, and earns its growers a living wage. Our local health food stores carry some fair trade chocolates. It might be a little more expensive, but your valentine is easily worth it, right?

Finally, if you buy a Valentine card, find one that is printed on 100% recycled paper. Or, find yourself a sheet of recycled paper and write an old-fashioned love letter in your own words. Now, light your beeswax candles, present the beautiful plant, dig in to your homemade cookies and share how you feel.

Happy Valentines Day!

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Rat Check



Fears that rats escaping a grounded fishing boat may have infested one of the United Kingdom's most important bird sanctuaries sent officials scrambling to catch any potential rodent invaders. The Spanish trawler *Spinningdale* ran aground on the remote archipelago of St. Kilda during a violent storm off the north-west Scottish mainland on Feb. 1. The group of rocky islands is home to 250,000 puffins, 30,000 pairs of gannets as well as large numbers of fulmar and storm petrels. A unique species of mouse also inhabits the outcroppings, which have remained free of ground-based predators since the human population left in 1930. Traps with bait made of chocolate-flavored candle wax were quickly dispatched to the affected island. Experts will examine teeth marks left in the bait to determine if any rats managed to escape the ship.

South American Floods



Torrential downpours caused disastrous flooding across a wide area of South America from Ecuador to Brazil and northern Argentina, killing nearly 50 people and making thousands of others homeless. The worst-affected areas have been the Bolivian lowlands and Peru's Ucayali Amazon rain forest area. Flooding has also destroyed vast tracts of crops, damaged bridges and washed out stretches of highway.

Tropical Cyclones



Cyclone Gene lost force over cooler waters of the South Pacific after inflicting significant damage to Fiji and Vanuatu.

• Cyclone Hondo threatened shipping lanes as it moved over the open waters of the central Indian Ocean.

Winter Twister Swarm



Dozens of tornadoes tore across five southern U.S. states, killing at least 56 people and leaving a trail of destroyed homes and other buildings. Thirty-one people were killed in Tennessee, 13 in Arkansas, seven in Kentucky and five in Alabama, according to state officials. A baby swept away by one of the tornadoes in Tennessee was found unscathed in a nearby field. Officials estimated that 67 twisters were spawned by a rapidly moving cold front. Not since April 1998, when tornadoes ripped through Alabama and Georgia and caused 48 fatalities, has a string of storms been as deadly. While tornado season in the United States generally starts in March and continues through the summer months, winter tornadoes have become an almost annual occurrence in recent decades.

Andean Eruption



Ecuadorian officials ordered 3,000 villagers to evacuate their homes near the slopes of Tungurahua volcano as the mountain shot columns of ash miles into the air, killing five people. The country's Geophysics Institute warned that the recent intense activity shows no sign of abating. A massive eruption in 2006 buried entire villages in ash.

Earthquakes



A series of strong earthquakes in East Africa's Great Lakes Region killed 43 people and injured hundreds of others in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo and western Rwanda. Quake damage left about 4,500 people homeless.

• Earth movements were also felt in northern Algeria, western Greece, northeastern Indonesia, northern Chile and Puerto Rico.

Whaling Resumes



Japan resumed its slaughter of whales in the Southern Ocean after lack of funds for fuel forced Greenpeace and Sea Shepherd anti-whaling protest ships to stop their chase of the Japanese fleet. Whaling operations were suspended on Jan. 12 due to interference by both environmental groups. Australian Foreign Affairs Minister Stephen Smith expressed his outrage to Japanese officials over the resumption of whaling in the Australian Whale Sanctuary off Antarctica. "Our starting point and finishing point is that the Australian people want to see an end to the slaughter of whales," Smith told reporters.

Winter Nurturing



A team of British researchers has found that feeding your backyard birds during winter not only helps them to survive the cold months, but also promotes more springtime breeding. The team from the University of Exeter and Queen's University Belfast provided some birds with extra food, such as peanuts, over the winter while leaving other birds in the study group to fend for themselves. "The extra food we put out for birds contained fat, protein and carbohydrates, which may make the female bird stronger and more able to produce eggs," said researcher Stuart Bearhop. The team speculates that providing extra food in backyard feeders year-round is also likely to be very beneficial to birds. It is estimated that Britons and Americans put out more than 500,000 tons of food for birds each year.

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